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To: Federal Communications Commission

E-rate Appeals CC Docket No. 02-6

From: Cheryl Heywood, Director, Timberland Regional Library (BEN # 145287)

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RE: E-Rate Program Year: 2018-19

Appeal of Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated 10/23/2019

and Appeal of Form 486 Notification Letter dated 10/30/2018

486 #: 127237 471#: 181020256 FRN #: 1899035155

This FRN is for service that was being transitioned to a new provider. The original installation was supposed to be by 07/01/2018. There was a data entry error on the start date for this FRN on the 486 form and it was listed as 9/1/2018. This error triggered a \$27,987.47 reduction in the funding commitment amount. The transition of this service to the new provider was in fact delayed, however, our intent was to do a SPIN change to receive funding for this service under the old provider's SPIN until the transition actually happened. We need to have the service start date changed back to 7/1/2018 so that full funding will be restored to the FRN and we can then do a SPIN Change to allow the funds to be used to reimburse costs with the old service provider before the delayed transition.

The funding reduction/date change error was discovered from a Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter (RFCDL) dated 8/27/2019 we received after filing for a Corrective SPIN change that was requested by the vendor. On 9/9/2019 we filed an appeal with USAC for the 486 Start Date change and funding reduction. On 10/23/2019 we received an RFCDL denying the 486 Start Date change appeal because we did not file before the 60 day appeal deadline based on the original 486 Notification Letter from 10/30/2018.

We are now requesting the FCC to review the RFCDL denying the 486 Notification Letter dated 10/30/2018 and the Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated 10/23/2019. We request that the service Start Date be changed back to 7/1/2018 and that the \$27,987.47 reduction be returned back to the FRN.

Note that we have been working with the USAC Post-Commitment department on a SPIN change and FRN Split for part of this FRN. We are hopeful that this appeal will be approved so that the funds for the first two months of the year can be restored the FRN and then we will work with USAC to reallocate these funds to pay for the services provided by the old vendor during the delayed transition period. More history can be found on these issues in customer service case # 280650 on the EPC. You may also contact our consultant Claire O'Flaherty if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Heywood
Library Director